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  - U.S. Patent No. 6,611,537 is a counterpart application of WO 99/63698. Under the provisions of MPEP 609III(A)(3), the Applicants submit that a concise statement of the relevance of each non-English language reference ("AK" and "AM") listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 has been provided by the submission of the English language foreign search report which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. Further, an English language abstract of reference "AK" has been provided.
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